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June 12, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: MILL CRK. SALMONID ENHANCEMENT & RESTORATION

Dear Doug:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the application from the Smith River Alliance and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to complete salmonid enhancement and restoration projects on the Mill Creek property, which was added to the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park in 2002.

As you know, the Mill Creek property was purchased because Mill Creek is documented as one of the most productive Coho salmon streams in California. In light of the problems we are having all along our coast with depleted salmon stocks, I believe it is critically important to maintain the productivity and health of the streams on these public lands.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to continued collaboration and work with the Coastal Conservancy on this and other Del Norte County projects ---- where we are fortunate to have both such extraordinary natural resources and unique tourism opportunities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Aanestad".

**SAM AANESTAD**  
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May 22, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT: MILL CREEK RESTORATION**

Dear Doug:

I am writing to offer my support for the application from the Smith River Alliance and the California Department of Parks and Recreation for salmon enhancement and restoration projects on the Mill Creek property, which will be considered at the June 29 meeting in Eureka. The Mill Creek property is a critically important habitat area and refuge for salmon and steelhead, and I am pleased to continue my support for restoration and protection there.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Mill Creek property and Del Norte County. The Mill Creek property, because of its size and the necessary restoration work there, presents some real challenges for all the parties involved.

I especially appreciate the partnership approach and leadership that the Conservancy has exhibited with Mill Creek. It is this type of cooperation and commitment to "joint problem-solving" that will enable the Mill Creek property to emerge as a special recreation and tourism focal point within Redwood National and State Parks, while also serving as an important salmon and steelhead refuge. That is indeed an exciting vision, and it is a vision that I look forward to working toward with all involved.

Again, thank you for your commitment to this project. If I can answer any questions or address any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO  
State Senator, Second District

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May 19, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: MILL CRK. PROJECTS AND DEL NORTE CO. VISITATION

Dear Doug:

I am pleased to support the application from the Smith River Alliance and State Parks for project funds to support salmon habitat enhancement and protection on the Mill Creek property in the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park.

The purchase of the Mill Creek property in 2002 has presented many challenges for State Parks and the many partners that are involved in projects there --- including Del Norte County. I have served on the Mill Creek Advisory Committee with Coastal Conservancy representatives and others since its inception following the purchase. There is no question that there is a need to perform critical restoration and erosion control projects to protect the salmon resources that were the impetus for the property's purchase.

However, there is also an important need and opportunity to provide access to this extraordinary Park property ---- so that travelers along the Hwy. 101 corridor as well as visitors to the Redwood National and State Parks can also experience and learn about what is involved with caring for and restoring one of our great salmon streams.

I am especially grateful to the Coastal Conservancy for your continued leadership and participation with the 25,000-acre Mill Creek property. This is a vast property with many interrelated needs and projects --- and cooperation and teamwork are essential for our mutual success there.

Thank you for your assistance in Del Norte County.

Sincerely,

Dave Finigan  
Del Norte County Supervisor, District 5





## *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance*

May 20, 2006

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: MILL CREEK HABITAT RESTORATION FUNDS

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the proposal from the Smith River Alliance and the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the restoration and protection of salmonid habitat in the Mill Creek property.

For over twenty years, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) has worked to protect water quality and the native salmon, steelhead, and trout that were once abundant in our rivers and streams.

CSPA worked diligently --- along with many other sportsfishing and commercial fishing interests --- for the purchase of the Mill Creek property several years ago. Accordingly, we recognize the significance of the subject project, which will remove barriers to migrating salmonids and prevent erosion and resulting sediment from entering streams on the property.

Mill Creek was purchased to protect its fishery and water quality. It is probably the best stream in California for our endangered coho ---- and it also supports excellent populations of chinook salmon, steelhead, and coastal cutthroat trout.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Alliance and State parks to restore and protect aquatic habitat for these species.

With appreciation,

Jim Crenshaw, President  
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